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TO: All NRCS Employees

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RE: Variance - Brush Management Specifications – Russian olive

Following an inquiry to Texas AgriLife Extension regarding acceptable treatments for the control of Russian olive (*Elaeagnus angustifolia*), I received a letter of response from Allan McGinty, Chair of the RLEM Herbicide Use Committee with Texas Extension Service. In it Dr. McGinty states:

Although control of Russian Olive is not addressed in the publication B-1466 "Chemical Weed and Brush Control – Suggestions for Rangeland", it would be expected that a cut stump treatment using the herbicide triclopyr (15% triclopyr + 85% diesel or vegetable oil) would provide acceptable control. This treatment could be applied anytime of the year.

Based on Dr. McGinty's statement, I am granting a variance to the Brush Management Specifications to allow the treatment of Russian olive using this specific cut stump treatment recommendation. This variance is valid until December 31, 2010, at which time we will revisit this issue.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan C. Baggett".

SUSAN C. BAGGETT
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